

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on lines 24-27 of page 15, in its entirety, and insert the following substitute paragraph in its place:

-- **FIG. 3** is a gene alignment for  $\beta$ -lactamase-like genes, (1) *Enterobacter cloacae* (SEQ ID NO:1), (2) *Citrobacter freundii* (SEQ ID NO:2), (3) *Yersinia enterocolitica* (SEQ ID NO:3), and (4) *Klebsiella pneumonia* (SEQ ID NO:4). SWISPROT or TrEMBL accession numbers for the protein sequences and GenBank accession numbers for the DNA sequences are given. --

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